

National Commission for Minorities

2533. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has set up an inquiry commission to investigate the communal situation of the minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations/report of the inquiry commission?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Minorities has constituted a two-member commission on 2nd January, 1997 consisting of Shri Zafar Ali Naqvi, Member, National Commission for Minorities and Shri Joginder Pal, Joint Secretary, National Commission for Minorities to inquire into matters relating to past and recent communal problems of the District of Meerut and the difficulties of the local minority educational institutions in duly enjoying their Constitutional and legal rights.

(c) No recommendation/report has been submitted by this inquiry commission so far.

[English]

Seizure of Arms on Gujarat Coast

2534. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

DR. M. JAGANNATH :

SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :

SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge stockpile of arms and explosives/Pakistani mechanised boats with arms and ammunition seized on the Gujarat coast during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the value of the seized arms and ammunition; and

(c) the steps taken to check the smuggling of arms and illegal migration of Bangladeshis through Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) As per reports available, no arms/ammunition were

seized from Pakistani mechanised boats on the Gujarat coast during the last 3 years; However, on 17th January, 1997, a fishing boat was seized near Koteswar in creek area containing the following arms and ammunition :

(a) Pistol	19 Nos.
(b) Revolver	1 No.
(c) Pistol magazine	32 Nos.
(d) AK Magazine	7 Nos.
(e) AK 56 Rifle	5 Nos.
(f) Belt action sniper Rifle	6 Nos.
(g) Magazine of S/Rifle	2 Nos.
(h) Amn. Assorted	1320 Nos.
(i) Carry bag of AK 56	1 No.

The cost of the above items which are of foreign make is not known. The following steps have been taken to check the smuggling of arms and ammunition and infiltration through the Indo-Pak border.

- (i) Additional Bns have been sanctioned/ deployed under expansion plan to reduce the gaps between the BOPs. However, a few Bns have been withdrawn from border for IS duties.
- (ii) Patrolling/Nakas have been increased/ intensified.
- (iii) Border patrolling have been intensified by providing jeeps and motor cycles.
- (iv) Mounted patrolling on horse, camels and tractors is being done.
- (v) OP towers have been erected.
- (vi) Binoculars, goggles, twin telescopes, PNV binoculars and hand held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.
- (vii) Border fence/flood lighting has been done in Punjab and Rajasthan. Feasibility studies for a modified type of fencing in Ranon area of Gujarat is also being undertaken.
- (viii) Boats/motor boats have/are being provided for patrolling riverline area.
- (ix) Border road/track are being constructed/ developed for vehicular patrolling.

World Bank Aided Projects

2535. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought clearance from the Ministry for the road projects to be undertaken in the State under the World Bank aided project;

(b) the number of roads to be strengthened under the programme;

(c) the amount to be spent on these projects; and

(d) the amount that World Bank has agreed to provide for the development of roads in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven roads are to be strengthened under this programme.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1100 crores.

(d) The amount to be provided by the World Bank has not been decided.

Cell for Minorities

2536. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by the grievances cell for minorities during 1996; and

(b) action taken on them by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Minority Cell was set up in that Ministry in November, 1996. During 1996, it received 32 petitions which have been taken up with the concerned authorities for further action.

Construction of Road

2537. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tripura submitted a proposal to the North East Council for the improvement of Ambasa-Bagafa-Belonia road;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government have sanctioned the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Improvement of the road to other District Road standards at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 Crs. has

been included by the NEC as a new scheme for execution during the 9th five year plan subject to approval by the Planning Commission and availability of funds.

Exotic Breeding Bulls

2538. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the exotic breeds being propagated by the Government for improving the milk yield of the cows in India;

(b) the number of exotic breed bulls farms have been set up alongwith their locations;

(c) the number of exotic breeding bulls imported during the last three years;

(d) the countries from where such bulls were imported; and

(e) the average cost of an exotic breeding bull?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Jersey and Holstein Friesian bulls are used for cross-breeding of non-descript cows to improve milk yield.

(b) The Central Cattle Breeding Farm for production of Jersey bulls is at Semiliguda, in Koraput district of Orissa and that for production of Holstein Friesian bulls is at Hessarghatta in Karnataka.

(c) Import of 259 bulls was permitted during the last three years out of which 45 bulls were imported for Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Hessarghatta.

(d) The bulls were imported from Denmark, Australia, the United States of America and Israel.

(e) The average cost of an imported exotic breeding bull works out to approximately Rs. 0.75 lakh.

Voluntary Organisations

2539. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of voluntary organisations with their locations in Assam being aided by the Union Government;

(b) the criteria fixed for providing assistance;

(c) the name of the agency conducting audit of such organisations;

(d) whether the Government are aware that some organisations misutilised funds; and

(e) if so, the action taken so far/proposed to be taken against such organisations?